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SUBJECT: U.S. Garrison Vicenza Policy Memorandum 06-09, Commander's Environmental Policy


1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this memorandum is to ensure full compliance with environmental requirements, in order to facilitate achievement of our environmental objective.
2. **GENERAL:** Environmental stewardship is a critical component of mission readiness and presents one of the most compelling challenges for sustaining base operations. Compliance with complex and sometimes conflicting environmental requirements poses increasing demands on leaders at all levels. We must integrate compliance with environmental requirements into mission planning and execution.
3. **APPLICABILITY:** This Policy Memorandum applies to all military and civilian personnel and all Host Nation and tenant organizations in the U.S. Army Garrison, Vicenza (USAG-V).
4. **RESPONSIBILITIES:**
  - a. The USAG-V Commander has overall responsibility for ensuring compliance with environmental laws, regulations and other requirements.
  - b. The Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Management Office (EMO) is responsible for overseeing and managing the Environmental Management System (EMS) and has the lead role in environmental program development, management, and assessment within this command.
  - c. All Army leaders must responsibly manage the environmental aspects of their activities to include requirements varying from energy conservation and recycling to hazardous waste disposal.
5. **PROCEDURES:** Successful accomplishment of our environmental objectives requires the collective effort of the entire community. Your commitment and adherence to the following directives is imperative:
  - a. Comply with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and other requirements.
  - b. Conduct environmental assessments and inspections to ensure compliance.
  - c. Assist in implementing and maintaining an effective EMS to ensure continual improvement of the environmental performance.
  - d. Train personnel to recognize opportunities and impacts of their activities.
  - e. Identify and address pollution prevention opportunities to maximize recycling, reduction and reuse opportunities.
  - f. Assess activities and services to determine their impacts on the environment and develop objectives and targets to mitigate these impacts.

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- g. Support resource and energy conservation initiatives.
- h. Maintain internal and external communications to ensure a positive relationship with other government agencies, Host Nation, and the local community.
- i. Assist in monitoring environmental metrics to measure performance.
- j. Implement a comprehensive emergency preparedness system to address potential environmental emergencies from within the facility and the surrounding community.
- k. Clean-up spills and past actions that have caused environmental contamination.
- l. Communicate policies and procedures to all personnel working for or on behalf of the USAG-V.

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